

# Two ATC Carpentry Instructors Participate in USG Workshop



Eddie Durr, left and Gary Lail  
work on a project during a  
USG training session.



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Two DTE Area Technology Center (ATC) carpentry instructors, along with others from around the country, recently completed a three-day continuing education workshop near Chicago.

Gary Lail of Harrison Co. ATC and Eddie Durr of Harrodsburg ATC attended the June training session offered by the United States Gypsum Corporation (USG), a leading drywall manufacturer in the U.S. and abroad.

USG has become a partner with SkillsUSA-VICA, which provides them with a list of certified teachers. From that listing, an invitation to fill out an application is sent to instructors. Because Lail and Durr are both members of SkillsUSA-VICA, they were provided the opportunity to fill out an application to take part in this training session.

The USG/SkillsUSA Train-the-Trainer program, now in its third year, offers two in-service sessions a year, one in June and August. Generally one teacher from each state is picked for each session, however both KY Tech instructors were allowed to attend the same workshop.

"This is one of the best workshops I have attended since becoming an instructor," said Lail. "The videos, samples of materials, and information I received were great. This is the one company that sees the necessity of promoting and training the future workforce in construction and is willing to spent the money to do so."

"I am a five year veteran of the KY Tech system of schools and this was undoubtedly the best summer upgrade training that I have received since being employed," said Durr. In my opinion, it is critical for all of our instructors to understand new technologies within our respective program areas. Because the training was provided by industry, it gave both Mr. Lail and myself an opportunity to stay abreast of new drywall manufacturing techniques that we can now pass on to our students."